

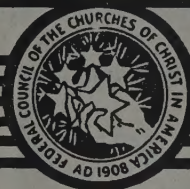
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Honored guests at a luncheon of the Federal Council's Executive Committee on May 15 were three outstanding European leaders in the ecumenical movement: The Rev. Marc Boegner, President of the French Protestant Federation; the Rev. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches in Geneva; and the Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell, Lord Bishop of Chichester.

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## THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

### *Negro Mother Prays*

Dear God! the sons from my own loins  
I send across the sea  
To fight a fight whose ultimate  
Lies in obscurity.

Full strong and brave they sally forth  
To battle in this war;  
And yet, and yet I ask my heart,  
What are they fighting for?

Oh can it be for manhood-rights  
Here in their native land;  
Or does it serve some other end  
I do not understand?

They tell me it is freedom's cause,  
Demanding their heart's blood;  
But freedom is a baffling word  
Often misunderstood.

Whose freedom is it, God, I ask,  
Demanding blood of me?  
Am I to look, at this long last,  
Upon real liberty?

—Georgia Douglas Johnson.

### *Returning Service Men*

Although more than a million and a half men have already been discharged from the armed forces, it has required the ending of the war in Europe to make the American people think seriously and critically about aiding returning men.

With the recent announcement of the large number to be returned during the months ahead, partial demobilization is taking on form and substance.

As with other agencies, the psychology of the churches to date has been one of planning for the future. It is now clear that the reality belongs to the present. Whether or not the churches will help meet the needs of returning men will depend on what is done during the next six to nine months, rather than on what is done just prior to the later general demobilization.

What is the responsibility of the churches in relation to returning men and women? The pamphlet series on *The Church and Returning Service Personnel* describes the task in these terms: First, serving those in service in preparation for their return—contacts by mail, ministry to men in nearby camps, serving the men through service to their families. Second, preparation of families and community for return of the men—through pastoral service, preparatory conferences, courses and other group meetings. Third, helping meet the needs of those already returned—organizing for the task within the church and establishing contact with all the agencies prepared to help, quiet pastoral counsel on family and educational and job readjustments, guiding the men into group and educational activities of the church and into merited positions of responsibility. Fourth, planning the program for the later period of general de-



mobilization—learning from current experience so that the larger task later on will be handled even better. Fifth, meeting certain needs through coöperative church action when they are too big for the parish to undertake on its own.

Many churches are already doing an excellent job. Yet in the face of the fact that the future of the church rests in considerable measure upon whether these young men and women come—or come back—into its life, it is difficult to understand the lack of action on the part of many churches, and even the absence of serious concern on the part of some. There are available some excellent practical, and at least partially tested, suggestions on how to proceed. Good literature in pamphlet form has been issued by the Methodists, Lutherans, Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, and several other communions, in addition to that published by the Federal Council in coöperation with other interdenominational agencies.

There must be some factor other than inertia which is preventing many churches from moving ahead on this task. Perhaps the key to it may be found in a recent article in the *Reader's Digest* which is entitled, "The Soldiers Say Don't Do It." Pointing out quite properly that returning men are not and do not wish to be considered "problems," this rather confused article seems to suggest that the thing to do is just relax and let everything take care of itself. As a reaction against some of the ill-advised popular literature, such an approach is understandable. But the net effect of this attitude is to encourage a paralysis in planning at precisely those points where sound planning is needed.

After spending a year in China, correspondent Brooks Atkinson wrote, "Nothing a civilian can do at home for the war compares in any way with what a soldier has to give out of himself. . . . No wonder he suspects that no one at home understands what he is giving his country. No one does." This is profoundly true, but so is the comment of Eleanor Stevenson after two years abroad with the Red Cross, "I know a little of what is likely to happen to them and to their families . . . unless somebody helps the

families to understand the emotional and mental problems involved in that homecoming."

The problem is not the men, but the process of mutual readjustment of soldier and civilian, husband and wife, father and child. To twist a comment like Atkinson's into implying no preparation is to misunderstand. The truth Atkinson presents suggests that we pack sentimentality and unctuousness in the cellar along with bass drum and confetti, but that we do our best to prepare for what needs to be done.

As J. Gordon Chamberlin has pointed out, the readjustment of fifteen million men and women who have been or will be in uniform is not a task which will be completed a few months after general demobilization. It will require attention and concern on the part of the nation, and of the churches, for many years ahead. The veterans' hospitals, for example, are not expected to reach their peak of population until 1965. While we plan for today and tomorrow, we do well to recognize that our plans may reach into many tomorrows whether we wish it so or not.

At root much of the problem is spiritual. War separates families, produces loneliness and homesickness, brings anxiety and fear and boredom. While for many it speeds up the process of maturing, it tends to create unintentional misunderstanding, especially in family life. The authors of *Psychology for the Returning Serviceman* point out: "A man in action doesn't say much about his fear of death but kicks plenty about cold rations. The woman whose husband is missing in action may not say a word about her deep anxiety, but talks to everybody about how the laundry lost her towels." In such circumstances, misunderstanding is human. But the production of mutual understanding is a spiritual task.

Try as we may and should, civilians see the soldier's experience through a glass darkly. Try as they do, returning men may feel for a time strangers in their own homes and churches and communities. In most cases the chasm is not wide. But, wide or narrow, it must be bridged. We have enough working blue prints. It is time we began to build.



## *Applying the Christian Principle of Coöperation*

It is not due to any accident, but rather to the very nature of Christianity itself, that the churches are increasingly emphasizing the necessity of organizing human affairs on the principle of coöperation. This judgment begins at the house of the Lord. Organized coöperation must increasingly take the place of denominational and sectarian competition.

Coöperation between all the nations of the earth through adequate organization to assure justice and peace, rather than unbridled competition, is now seen by the churches to be an absolute essential for the welfare of mankind. The gospel of brotherhood and coöperation will in the end prove to be the only *practical* principle of world order.

Nor is it an accident, but rather due to a deeper insight into the meaning of the gospel, that outstanding religious leaders for the past century have seen something basically and essentially religious in economic coöperation. The Rev. Charles Kingsley, Rev. F. D. Maurice, and John T. W. Mitchell, the Rochdale Sunday School Superintendent, all motivated by Christian faith, were early pioneers in the economic coöperative movement. Consumer coöperation as an appropriate expression in economic relations of the Christian principles of coöperation and service, has continued to have its witnesses among outstanding theologians, prophets, evangelists,—Washington Gladden, Rauschenbusch, Kagawa, E. Stanley Jones.

Indeed amidst the clash of conflicting economic interests and pressure groups, it is reassuring to discover that all of us have one thing in common,—we are all consumers. Consumers' coöperation is founded upon this economic common denominator. It appears to offer one of the major hopes for non-violent social progress and increasing coöperation of all classes and nations.

There are, of course, many practical problems to be worked out by the movement, including more extensive coöperative relations with labor and with producers. But, over and above all technical matters, there is the constant necessity

of keeping alive the religious spirit of coöperation within the economic framework. For even a coöperative body without the spirit is dead.

## *Introducing the Evangelical United Brethren Church*

At the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, held in Westerville, Ohio, last month, official approval was given to the plan of union with the Evangelical Church. Similar approval of the project had been given by the General Conference of the Evangelical Church in 1942. Although the proposal still requires ratification by the annual conferences of both bodies, there is every indication that this will be given by an overwhelming vote.

The name of the united body which will emerge from these processes is "The Evangelical United Brethren Church." A complete Discipline has been prepared and approved, including a confession of faith, forms of ecclesiastical organization, responsibility for the educational and missionary institutions of the uniting denominations and all other aspects of their life and work.

The two uniting bodies have an historical and spiritual heritage of a common character. They are both distinctly American churches, having had their rise in a great evangelistic awakening about the end of the eighteenth century. It is a strong consciousness of their essential spiritual unity which has been the compelling force in bringing the two bodies together.

Readers of the FEDERAL COUNCIL BULLETIN will be especially interested to know that the first proposal for the uniting of these two denominations was made when the representatives of both were attending the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in Atlanta, Ga., in 1924. It was in the atmosphere of coöperation and fellowship which the Federal Council embodies that the whole project for uniting the two constituent denominations of the Council has been carried on.



## Recent Federal Council Actions

THE Executive Committee of the Federal Council at its meeting on May 15 authorized the Department of Research and Education to undertake special studies in the field of Christianity and the Economic Order for consideration by the churches and as an aid in formulating policy and program. In asking for the authorization, a committee of the Department pointed out that great issues of an economic nature must be dealt with wisely if the stability of our democratic institutions and the moral and material welfare of our people are to be conserved. These issues need to be studied in the light of the Christian Gospel, that the members of our churches may be able to deal with them in a way that has regard both for the goals envisaged and for the enduring insight of Christianity.

Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, D.D., Secretary in America of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, was elected Ecumenical Secretary of the Federal Council.

It was also voted "That the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America calls upon the churches to observe Sunday, November 11, 1945, as World Order Sunday and authorizes the Department of International Justice and Goodwill to further this observance in co-operation with other interdenominational agencies."

Authorization was given by the Executive Committee to change the name of the Department of the Church and Social Service to "Department of Christian Social Relations."

The Executive Committee also confirmed the election of the following officers of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains:

*Chairman*—Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill

*Vice Chairmen*—Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Rev. Frederick L. Fagley.

Among other statements adopted by the Council were the following:

### ECONOMIC COÖPERATION

International economic coöperation is essential if the society of nations, torn by war and the lust for power, is to be knit together into an effective world community. Unless men and peoples can work together in the economic sphere, they will not long continue to work together in the political sphere. Unless they can achieve through mutual aid a greater world-wide freedom from want, they cannot curb the economic pressures toward aggression.

These truths, which have been stressed in church pronouncements on world order, need to be reaffirmed now because of the present necessity for constructive action. The plight of war-devastated countries calls for whole-

hearted effort not only for temporary relief and rehabilitation but also for sound reconstruction. The American people especially have an opportunity and a moral obligation to help rebuild the world economy, because our great resources and means of production have not suffered the vast destruction of the battle areas. Justice, charity and self-interest alike urge us to meet this challenge.

If the needs of world peace are to be met, the responsibility for reconstruction must be shared among the United Nations. The Bretton Woods Proposals for economic coöperation and the proposal for a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization represent a coöperative approach that is urgently needed. These international agreements, now before the Congress, achieved after years of study and work by technical experts, are designed to establish and further the continuing collaboration of the United Nations in the economic field.

We do not attempt to judge the technical details of these agreements, but we believe that their purposes are harmonious with the principles of world order for which our churches are working. The provisions of the agreements will no doubt need to be improved in the light of experience. For this purpose, the agreements include provisions for amendments. We would deplore anything which would delay constructive action in the immediate critical period, jeopardize the possibilities of subsequent economic coöperation, and perhaps endanger the success of the general security organization, to be charted at San Francisco.

### FOOD RELIEF

The restoration of order among European peoples is largely dependent upon food, clothing, medicines and other supplies. As a result of the cumulative effects of the war, conditions in some of the liberated countries are now reported to be considerably worse than during the period of occupation. It is therefore urgent that food for starving and under-nourished people should be provided at once.

The task must be undertaken mainly by governments because of its size. A major part of the supplies must come from America. The allocations for military usage can probably not be reduced in the near future. The allocations for civilian supplies must provide most of the extra help to feed European peoples until the next harvests can be garnered. It is within the competence of government authorities to divert from civilian consumption such amounts of food as may be necessary but this will of necessity involve stricter rationing. The American people need to make clear their willingness to accept continued rationing and further sacrifices that millions may live.



The Christian obligation is clear. We should provide an example of voluntary sacrifice at a time when many are unthinkingly preparing for expanded personal expenditures for food and other items.

First, we in the churches need to avoid the waste of food in our own homes. Secondly, we ought to help in every way possible to increase the production of food during this critical season. Thirdly, for the period just ahead, we ought to deny ourselves part of the protective foods available but in short supply, particularly meats, fats, and milk products, and use to a larger degree the more abundant foods. Our diet has generally been such that this self-denial will not injure our own health, but may make the difference between life and death for

thousands in devastated lands. And, finally, we need to support more generously the agencies of relief, particularly our church agencies of relief and reconstruction.

#### INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Believing that the development of a world order of peace and justice requires continuous educational efforts among all peoples, the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America urges the government of the United States to take an active part in the organization and support of an International Office of Education by the nations of the world for the purpose of promoting educational and cultural interests.

## The Churches and San Francisco

**P**ERHAPS the main contribution of the Christian churches to the success of the San Francisco Conference has been in the efforts to provide a favorable moral climate for the deliberations. On Sunday, April 22 and on Wednesday, April 25, the opening day of the Conference, churches across the United States and in a number of other countries offered special prayers of intercession for the success of the United Nations gathering. A mass meeting on Sunday in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium under the auspices of the Council of Churches, as well as a number of other religious meetings in the San Francisco Bay area, gave tangible evidence to the convening delegations of the deep concern of Christian groups for concrete steps towards a just and durable peace. The members of the American delegation, moreover, were informed of the nation-wide prayers of intercession.

The opening of the Conference reflected far more than did the Versailles Conference a sense of dependence upon God. While the nations were unable to unite in prayer, the opening minute of silence and solemn meditation as well as the initial addresses evidenced the spirit of prayer. President Truman said:

"As we are about to undertake our heavy duties, we beseech Almighty God to guide us in building a permanent monument to those who gave their lives that this moment might come. May He lead our steps in His own righteous path of peace."

Secretary of State Stettinius spoke in the same vein:

"The prayers of the people of the world are with us. They are spoken in many tongues and in the words of many creeds. But they are as one voice, rising from the tragedy and suffering of war, in prayer for lasting peace."

The churches are contributing to the San Francisco Conference in other ways as well. The united program adopted by the Cleveland Church Conference and dis-

tributed among church groups by the hundreds of thousands, enabled the churches to speak effectively on the specific issues before the San Francisco Conference. With a strong, united voice they spoke for practical steps to improve the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. The nine amendments of the Cleveland Message were placed in the hands of the United States delegates before the Conference convened, and there is reason to believe that they were given careful consideration.

At San Francisco, a number of representatives of Christian bodies have been at work, not only to interpret the Conference proceedings to the churches but also, as members of the consultative group arranged by the State Department, to interpret the concerns of the churches to the American delegation. The consultant named by the Federal Council is Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, with Bishop James C. Baker, and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde as assistants. These representatives and other religious leaders have helped to make clear the world order objectives of the churches as the Conference has proceeded.

Secretary of State Stettinius has spoken publicly of the contribution made by the groups of consultants, saying, "The assistance and advice of the consultants to the United States delegation have been invaluable." The five amendments dealing with human rights and fundamental freedoms, agreed upon by the sponsoring powers, constituted an area in which the church representatives were particularly active and effective. Efforts to improve the proposals for trusteeship in dependent areas have also been made. During the Conference, as before, the voice of the Christian churches, calling for the organization of a better world order, has been heard in the councils of the nations. A continued and increased effort on the part of the churches during the months and years ahead can help to keep the nations moving in the right direction.

RICHARD M. FAGLEY.



## Conferences on Cooperatives

**I**LLUSTRATING visibly the claim that consumer co-operation can be common ground for bringing together all economic groups, 350 persons representing middle class and professional groups, ministers and church people, and trade unionists joined in a conference on the Church, Labor and Coöperatives at Philadelphia, on April 28.

While it did not seem feasible to the local committee to include farm groups in this half-day conference, Dr. Benson Y. Landis of the Federal Council, who acted as Chairman of the panel discussion, emphasized that 90 per cent of coöperatives are as yet composed of farmers; and Nelson Cruikshank who spoke for the American Federation of Labor also stressed this point, together with the usefulness of the coöperatives as a meeting ground between farmers and labor. Clinton Golden spoke forcefully for the CIO on Labor and Co-ops. The Hon. Jerry Voorhis of California, himself an ardent churchman, spoke movingly on "Consumers' Coöperatives, the People's Surest Defense."

The conference was under the sponsorship of the Fed-

eral Council's Committee on the Church and Coöperatives. Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, chairman of the Committee, presided, and James Myers, Executive Secretary of the Committee, promoted the conference, consulting on the program and securing the speakers. A large local sponsoring committee of church leaders and laymen, labor representatives, and liberals was in charge of arrangements under the very efficient leadership of David Richie, Director of the Philadelphia Friends Social Order Committee, who acted as secretary of the Committee. The conference was officially endorsed by both the AFL and the CIO of Philadelphia, thus providing a broad basis of coöperation.

Arrangements were likewise made by Mr. Myers for a special luncheon in Minneapolis on May 24 during the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Cameron Hall, Director of the Department of Social Education and Action, as one of the speakers. Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of the St. Paul area, a member of the Federal Council's Committee on the Church and Co-operatives, presided.

### World Wide Communion

The sixth observance of World Wide Communion will be held on October 7. Because of the present tensions and continued sufferings among the nations there is need now if ever for a sense of the oneness and fellowship that all Christian believers have in Christ. World Wide Communion is one of the answers to this hunger for fellowship among the followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Appropriate literature for this observance, which will be ready by June 1, is being prepared as heretofore by the Department of Evangelism. This is especially for the use of the pastors and churches of this country.

It is suggested that as a part of the observance of World Wide Communion on October 7, the preceding Sunday afternoon, September 30, be used for sending out a sufficient number of workers from each congregation to call on every member of the Church and give to each person a special invitation to be present at the Communion Table of his own church. In this way each congregation may have an Easter attendance.

How better can a congregation begin its autumn's work than at the Communion Table of our Lord Jesus Christ? Here the membership can dedicate itself to Christ and the Church for the months ahead.

Samples of the literature will be sent without charge on request from the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

### Mission to Christian Teachers to Continue

The National Mission to Christian Teachers (Sunday School Teachers) has been so successful that it will be continued. Already 39 of these Missions have been held on the national level since last October first by the Joint Committee, representing the International Council of Religious Education and the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. Many county and city missions have been held by local groups during the same period.

The International Council and the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council have called Harry Munro of Chicago as the full-time director of these Missions. The work will be directed by a Joint Mission Committee of thirty-one, representing both parent bodies. The new title of the enterprise is the "National Christian Teaching Mission" instead of the former title, "National Mission to Christian Teachers."

The officers of the Joint Committee are:

Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of St. Nicholas Collegiate Church of New York City, *Chairman*.

Rev. Reuben H. Mueller of Cleveland, *Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee*, and *Chairman of the Executive Committee*.

Rev. Harry C. Munro of Chicago, *Director*. He will have offices with the International Council of Religious Education in Chicago.



# Christmas Boxes to be Sent Overseas

**C**HRISTIANS of America plan to send half a million Christmas boxes to families in the liberated areas of Europe and Asia, according to an announcement made by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

The desire to give some tangible evidence of their friendship and concern, over and above the funds sent through their relief committees, has been expressed repeatedly by Christians of many denominations, and it is to give an immediate focus to this desire that the Christmas box project has been inaugurated.

It is planned to distribute small cartons through the churches of America to individuals or families or church groups or Sunday School classes who will pack them with useful articles which money could scarcely buy on the open market in the areas to which they will be sent, and which will not only have a practical value but will also create something of the festive spirit of Christmas for the family to which they are sent. Dried and canned foods, non-bulky clothing such as mittens or knitted sox, buttons from your own button bag, thread, darning cotton and needles, pencils, crayons and writing paper, a comb, a child's toy: these are some of the articles which it is proposed to send. A government-approved list of articles which may be included will be furnished with each carton. The sender may use his own taste and discretion, within the limits of the list, as to the content of the package and its value. In no case will the contents cost more than \$4.00 and the packages can be filled for much less.

Churches, groups or individuals wishing to fill boxes may obtain them through their own denominational relief committees. These committees will furnish complete instructions, and directions for collection of the boxes when filled. It is proposed to ask each sender to attach to the box \$1.00 to cover the price of the carton and shipping costs.

Distribution overseas will be through the local Protestant churches.

It is hoped that American Christians will consider including in the boxes items from the approved list which require the use of ration points—demonstrating an attitude of real sacrifice. Other items should be sent from the sender's own supplies, not to be replaced.

Considerable pressure is being brought by church

groups that some united channel be provided by which not only the Christmas packages, but other material goods as well, may be sent from American churches into areas which have suffered a great deal as a result of the war.

Although the great problem of furnishing food and clothing for devastated areas will largely be the concern of the military or governmental or intergovernmental relief agencies for some time to come, there are many special opportunities for the churches to relate themselves to this program in a significantly Christian way. UNRRA has already turned to the churches for clothing supplies and for other specific needs, and the churches overseas are already being used as distribution centers for relief materials.

It is obvious that the Christians of America want to participate in such an opportunity to demonstrate the spirit of the Good Samaritan, and that the governmental relief agencies will welcome their assistance. Details of how such a program can best be integrated into the united relief and reconstruction program of the American churches are now being worked out through the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

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## Evangelism Department Calls McConnell

The Executive Committee of the Federal Council at its meeting on May 15, called Harold Harper McConnell of Pittsburgh, Pa., to the staff of the Department of Evangelism. He will begin his work on July 1 and will have special responsibility for Visitation Evangelism. In this work he will succeed Oliver K. Black, who served the Department for three years and is now pastor of the First Congregational Church in Moline, Ill.

For thirteen years, Dr. McConnell served the First United Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, as pastor. He has been the pastor for the past thirteen years of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

During the past five years, the Department of Evangelism has had the services of Dr. McConnell for a week now and then in helping to direct special programs of Visitation Evangelism in a number of communities. Hence, he is not a stranger to the Department and its work.

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# Ecumenical Ambassadors

IF ONE were to name the outstanding ecumenical leaders, in the movement toward a World Council of Churches, of England, France, and the international headquarters at Geneva, the choices would certainly be Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell, Lord Bishop of Chichester; Rev. Dr. Marc Boegner, President of the French Protestant Federation, and Rev. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council's Provisional Committee.

These three churchmen made the flight from London together, since Dr. Visser 't Hooft and Dr. Boegner had gone to London for meetings of the British Council of Churches and of the Provisional Committee. They arrived in the United States in time to be guests of honor at a luncheon in connection with the May meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee.

Much of the time and energy of the trio was taken by important committees and conferences. The advent of V-E day just three days after their arrival intensified the already urgent discussions concerning the future of the World Council organization, the staggering problems of reconstruction, the delicate tasks relating to the churches of Germany and also to the Eastern Orthodox churches in lands under the Russian aegis. The major sessions were those of the North American members of the Provisional Committee, presided over by Dr. John R. Mott. Other committees were the American Committee for the World Council of Churches, the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, and the Commission for World Council Service. Dr. Visser 't Hooft had the added responsibility of extended meetings with the World Student Christian Federation, of which he is President.

To all the meetings, small and large, the three brought a wealth of experience, wide horizons and profound insights. Bishop Bell has been an outstanding leader of the ecumenical movement for many years and in 1932 was chosen President of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work. Early in the struggle of the Confessional Church in Germany he took a prominent part in the attempt to aid Pastor Niemoller and others. He is a co-chairman of the British Committee on Reconstruction in Europe. Only recently he made a trip to Scandinavia.

For Pastor Boegner it was his first visit to America. He is a commanding figure whom one can well picture in the rôle of leader of the opposition of French Protestants to the Nazi regime. No wonder the Nazis branded him as a dangerous person! Time after time he was summoned before the Gestapo. All his books were confiscated and taken to Berlin. The ones which were never returned were those on the ecumenical movement, including one by Bishop Bell! Dr. Boegner is not

only a Vice-Chairman of the Provisional Committee but Chairman of its smaller Administrative Committee.

That Dr. Visser 't Hooft is a Christian statesman of the first rank was abundantly manifest as he set forth in graphic outline the intricate story of the struggles of the churches in Europe, the magnificent service rendered in the various departments of the World Council as it met the war emergency, the present situations and the long look ahead. From his pen have come so many inspiring and informative messages that his listeners eagerly drank in his personal witness to the power of the "Una Sancta."

After two weeks in and about New York these leaders separated. Bishop Bell went to the Pacific Coast for a series of meetings and thence to Canada. Pastor Boegner's appointments were mainly along the Atlantic seaboard except for a visit to Indianapolis. Dr. 't Hooft spoke at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., meeting in Minneapolis, and then went to Canada.

The month of May is the month of Whitsunday (Pentecost). It was also this year a month when the churches of America experienced a fresh breathing of the Holy Spirit upon them as these three ecumenical ambassadors mediated "what the Spirit saith to the Churches."

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## Mr. Abernethy Takes New Post

Rev. Bradford S. Abernethy, who for the past four years has been a member of the Federal Council's staff, has been invited by Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., to become Student Counsellor with special responsibility for the guidance and development of the spiritual life of the campus. Mr. Abernethy has accepted the new post beginning August 1, 1945.

During his first two years in the Council Mr. Abernethy was one of the secretaries of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace. During the last two years he has been the director of the Commission on the Church and Minority Peoples, which was organized for the purpose of strengthening the influence of the churches in relation to the racial and cultural problems of American life. The Chairman has been Dr. W. W. Alexander, Vice-President of the Rosenwald Fund and well known as a leader in interracial work in the South for many years.

Mr. Abernethy's decision to enter his new field of service is much regretted in the Federal Council. Plans for carrying forward the program of the Commission on the Church and Minority Peoples will be considered by the Federal Council's Executive Committee.



## New Publications

### *V-J Day Service of Worship*

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*Church Literature on Postwar Planning.* By Benson Y. Landis and Inez M. Cavert. An annotated bibliography of representative titles covering almost every phase of postwar planning. Published by the Intercouncil Committee on Postwar Planning, in which the Federal Council coöperates. Should be ordered from Friendship Press, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. 25 cents.

*The Labor Sunday Message for 1945* will be on sale in July.

The prices for the Message are: 5 cents for a single copy; \$1.50 for 100 copies; \$5.00 for 500 copies; \$7.50 for 1,000 copies.

As in the past years, quantity orders of the Message are available with the first cover-page left blank so that a church may print thereon its own order of service and announcements and distribute a copy to each member of the congregation. Prices of these blank cover-page copies are as follows: \$1.00 for 100 copies; \$4.00 for 500 copies; \$6.50 for 1,000 copies. Imprints for denominational commissions or Councils of Churches will cost \$2.75 flat charge regardless of the number ordered.

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July 14-24 at Green Lake, Wisconsin

July 28-Aug. 7 at Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire

The Department has been able to secure the following leaders for the Green Lake Ashram: E. Stanley Jones of India; Margaret Applegarth of New York; Harris Franklin Rall of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Anna Mow of Bethany Biblical Institute, Chicago, Ill.; and Oliver K. Black, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Moline, Illinois.

At the Winnepesaukee Ashram the leaders are: E. Stanley Jones of India; Warren D. Bowman, pastor of the First Church of the Brethren, Washington, D.C.; Karl Hujer, Astronomy Professor of East Lansing, Michigan; George Richards, Chairman of the American Section of the Faith and Order Movement; H. H. McConnell, Field Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council; and Rev. and Mrs. G. Vaughn Shedd of Bangor, Maine.

Those desiring information as to plans, program and prices should write to the Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

# •News of State and Local Cooperation•

## United Churches Move Forward

The Council of United Churches of St. Joseph County, South Bend, Indiana, announced on May 17 an expanded program for the coming year. A budget of \$11,030 was authorized, an increase of \$2,350 over last year. The chief expansions include a twelve in place of an eight months' budget

for weekday schools, clerical help and office supplies and equipment.

## Community Seminars

Morgan Williams, convenor for a series of Community Seminars in Illinois, outlines their purpose in the April issue of the *Illinois Church Councilor* as "that of bringing together the leadership of various or-

ganized groups in widely scattered communities for instruction and round-table discussion. The postwar period will test the fabric of our social life. There may be sufficient virility in our American culture to withstand the pressure of the postwar storm, but the church ought to make a very significant contribution by assisting in the expression of the creative forces for this period of stress and strain." These

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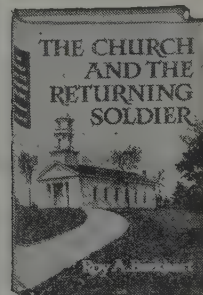
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### Protestant Prison Chaplains Organize

Following a state-wide conference on March 21, 1945, of Protestant Prison Chaplains serving in New York State, the New York State Association of Protestant Prison Chaplains was created. The purpose of the Association will be to raise standards and coördinate programs of work in this field. Rev. Robert E. Brinkman, Director of the Council for Clinical Training, New York City, was elected President, and Rev. Herbert E. Erway of Elmira, N. Y., Secretary. Rev. Harold P. Kaulfuss, Chairman of the New York State Council's Committee on Chaplains, handled the arrangements for the conference.

### The Churches Make News

"The Churches Make News" is the program sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches offered as a public service feature over Station WPTF, Raleigh. The State Council maintains a full-time news gathering staff. Rev. Allyn P. Robinson is the Director for the Council's Press Service and for four years has served as the Religious News commentator over WPTF.

### Youth Considers the Ministry

A Michigan Vocations Retreat was presented jointly on April 13 and 14 by the Student Religious Association of the Uni-

versity of Michigan and the Youth Committee of the Michigan Council of Churches. The program included acquaintance and fellowship, a chicken dinner and discussion of the following topics: "What does it mean to be 'called' to the ministry?", "An Educated Ministry for Community Leadership" and "A Total Ministry." Twelve selected young men who were contemplating entering the Protestant ministry participated in the conference.

### Cleveland's United Ministry

There are seven full-time workers directing Cleveland's united ministry to families in public housing units and new industrial areas. One communion contributes toward the general administration of this program, another toward general administration and the salary of a worker, and five others provide the salaries of one or more staff members. Two more communions have approved the supplying of personnel and are now searching for qualified persons. These individuals constitute the coöperating staff in a united ministry to some 12,000 to 15,000 Protestant families brought to Cleveland to share in wartime industrial production. The *Federation News Bulletin* asserts that this "interdenominational field ministry is probably the most significant new enterprise to be launched during the period of the present world war."

### Christian Laymen's Council Organized

Approximately two hundred laymen, representing churches of fifteen denomi-

nations, voted unanimously on April 6, 1945, to organize the Christian Laymen's Council of Dayton, Ohio. This Council will function as a Division of the Church Federation of Dayton and Montgomery County. Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn appealed to council members to "practice Christianity in daily living and to turn truth into righteousness in daily life."

### New Allocations Approved

The Comity Committee of the Sacramento Council of Churches at its last meeting unanimously approved two applications for church locations. First, the Sierra Oaks and the Sierra Oaks Vista areas were allocated for the organization of a new Congregational-Christian Church; second, the Baptist churches of Sacramento were granted clearance and approval for the beginning of Sunday School work in the New Helvetia project.

### Forward in '45

Something new has been announced as a means of conducting the finance appeal of the Church Federation of Los Angeles. "Instead of the usual campaign organization with opening dinner, daily report meeting, thousands of prospect cards, expensive literature, door-to-door canvassing, etc., with calls upon pastors to do that which they cannot well do, namely, give names, build committees, etc., it is proposed to place in the hands of pastors a group of letters, sealed, stamped, and waiting only for addressing, which they may send to a select group of members within their church. These letters will ask for financial support of the Federation. The Federation will not know the names of the persons to whom the letters are sent except as those persons respond to the request, nor will the name of the pastor be involved. The objective is to secure four contributions for each one hundred members of a church. The financial objective was set at \$75,000.00."

### Staff Changes

Rev. Earl F. Adams, Director of Finance and Promotion for the Northern Baptist Convention, has been elected Administrative Secretary of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. He will begin his new duties June 1.

Rev. Elmer C. Dierks has been elected General Secretary for the Iowa Inter-Church Council. He was formerly pastor of the Iowa City Baptist Church.

Rev. O. M. Walton has resigned as General Secretary of the Cleveland Church Federation in order to accept the General Secretaryship of the Pittsburgh Council of Churches, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Rev. Seldon Humphreys has resigned as the Executive Secretary of the New Haven Council of Churches.

Rev. Clarence Almon Wagner has been appointed regional Director for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with headquarters at Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Donald Timmerman, minister of the First Methodist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, has been elected Executive Secretary of the Columbus (Ohio) Council of Churches.

Rev. Robert W. Tully, formerly pastor of the Rocky Ford Church of the Brethren,

has been elected Associate General Secretary of the Colorado Council of Churches.

Rev. Ralph Loomis has been appointed Director of Rural Survey and Finance of the Missouri Council of Churches.

Miss Florence H. Walker, Associate Secretary of the Social Service Department, Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Rev. Walter S. Hertzog, Secretary of Field and Finance, Southern California Council of Protestant Churches.

Rev. Warren E. Jackson, Industrial Defense Communities, Connecticut Council of Churches.

Rev. Jorace F. Shepherd, Executive Secretary, Wilmington Council of Churches, Delaware.

Rev. Robert W. Tully, Associate Secretary, Colorado Council of Churches.

Rev. Loyal H. Vickers, Executive Secretary, Tacoma Council of Churches.

Rev. Norman G. Webster, Director of Young People's Work, Pennsylvania State Council of Christian Education.

Harold W. Woodbury, Executive Secretary (part time) Quincy (Mass.) Council of Churches.

## • Among the New Books •

### Religious Liberty—An Inquiry

By M. SEARLE BATES  
International Missionary Council. \$3.50

This is a masterpiece both of scholarly research and of keen discernment in a field of intense interest at the present time. It was projected by a special Committee on Religious Liberty, created two years ago by the joint action of the Federal Council and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Working under the direc-

tion of this committee, Dr. Bates, distinguished missionary leader and professor of history in Nanking University, has carried on this exhaustive study, the results of which constitute an encyclopedic source of reliable information, covering the whole world.

The study begins with a sweeping survey of problems and trends during the last twenty-five years. Sixteen case studies are presented—each a notable achievement in marshalling the evidence in compact form. In the case of each of the sixteen areas

there is an analysis of the points at which tension has recently arisen—such as excessive pressure upon the conscience of the individual, acts grossly destructive of religious institutions, interference with worship and religious education, direct compulsion in matters of religion and the use of a particular form of religion as a political weapon.

These contemporary conditions are set in long-range perspective by an historical review of the problem of religious liberty through the centuries. The historical picture makes it clear that even in Protestantism the struggle for real freedom, as over against the idea of enforced uniformity, has been a long and painful one.

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find so clarifying an exposition of the Roman Catholic attitude. By quotations from papal encyclicals and other sources it is made abundantly clear that the official Catholic policy defends the ideal of the "Catholic State"—i. e., a state which uses its political power to further the interests of Roman Catholicism. At the same time the reader sees that there are more liberal voices—especially lay voices—in the Catholic Church which favor the separation of Church and State. The general impression, however, is that Roman Catholicism supports equal treatment for all religious groups only in states where Catholics are in the minority.

Other significant discussions have to do with the relation of religious liberty to the general principle of liberty, the present status of religious liberty in international law, and the constitutional provisions concerning religious liberty in the different countries of the world. Thirty-four states are listed as assuring "essentially full" religious liberty; nine in which one religion is given a "preponderance" but in which there is "satisfactory" liberty for others; twelve states which have an established religion but do not impose "serious" discriminations on others; fifteen states in which there are "important" discriminations; two states (Russia and Mexico) which "restrict religion in general." At the end there is an interesting proposal of a "voluntary code of conduct" for religious

bodies in their relation to each other, and also a series of specific proposals for which all who are committed to religious liberty should work.

## They Found the Church There

By HENRY P. VAN DUSEN

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The wartime experiences of our soldiers, sailors and marines in discovering the value of foreign missions in the islands of the Pacific is the theme of this thrilling story by the president-elect of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. "Because of missions I was feasted, and not feasted upon, when I fell from the sky into the village," one service man wrote to his mother. A pilot shot down near Buna tells of his rescue by a Papuan Christian who led him to safety. A group of eight fliers in Guadalcanal, crashing in the jungle, tell of their amazement in hearing natives, who they thought at first were enemies, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." These are typical of the scores of true incidents revealing what the missionary movement has meant, and generally told in the language of our American men in the faroff outposts of the world.

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## Labor and Tomorrow's World

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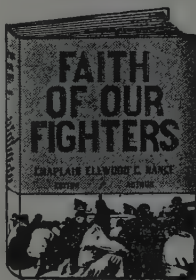
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what it is that the worker is struggling for. The author's own conviction is that democracy must be extended into the economic life but he has no special formula as to how this is to be brought about. His goal, however, is clear: he looks for a synthesis that will conserve "the creative initiative that has flowed from individualism" and at the same time appropriate "the benefits that lie in collective endeavor." He believes that the Church can play an important role in constructive social advance by insisting that the test of every economic procedure must be what happens to *persons*. He makes a plea that each year some of the finest Christian youth should go into the industrial field with the same dedication to human service that sends other men into missionary work.

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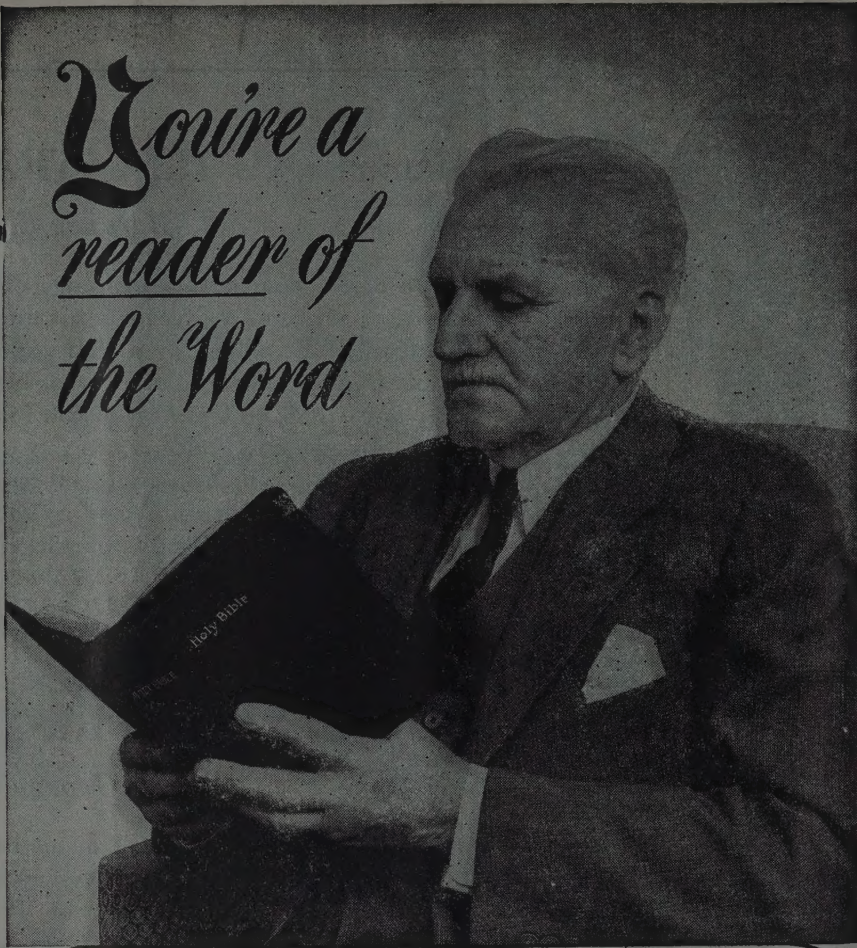
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